$$\frac{[O_2]}{[Q_2 + N_2]} = 0.25 \text{ to } 1.0$$

wherein methane and ammonia are present in a molar ratio of

$$\frac{[CH_4]}{[WH_3]} = 0.95 \text{ to } 1.05;$$

and wherein a molar ratio of ammonia to the sum of oxygen and nitrogen satisfies the following relationship:

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$$= m \cdot X - a$$
,

wherein

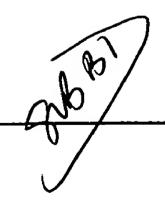
$$Y = \frac{[NH_3]}{[O_2 + N_2]},$$

$$X = \frac{[O_2]}{[O_2 + N_2],}$$

m = 1.25 to 1.40 and

a = 0.05 to 0.14; and

wherein said methane-containing natural gas contains at least 88 vol.% of methane.



<u>REMARKS</u>

Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitation of allowable Claim 7 therein. No new matter has been added into the amended claim.